

**Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

**Area Unique Identifier:** CO-060-010

**Acreage:** 31.2

**Is the area of sufficient size?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

**Description**

The unit of BLM land identified as CO-060-010 meets the size requirement criteria with the adjacent Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area (WSA). The northern, eastern, and southern boundaries follow road 3305. The western boundary is road 3305 and the Red Cloud Peak WSA. Previous inventory conducted by the Montrose BLM in 1979 found the unit to lack overall wilderness characteristics and was removed from the proposed Red Cloud Peak WSA.

**(1) Does the area appear to be natural?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

**Description**

This area is adjacent to the Red Cloud Peak WSA across its western boundary. It possesses consistently rising topography and areas of dense wooded vegetation. The vegetation includes pine, aspen, and various grasses.

**(2) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

**Description**

This parcel provides outstanding opportunities for solitude. The presence of dense wooded vegetation and rising topography makes solitude possible.

**Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

**Description**

The land within this area has outstanding opportunities for unconfined and primitive recreation. Hiking, backpacking and wildlife viewing are all available.

**(3) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historic value)?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

**Description**

This parcel contains a high level of lynx habitat and a low level of elk winter habitat.

## Summary of Analysis

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### Result of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### Check one

X  The area, or portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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